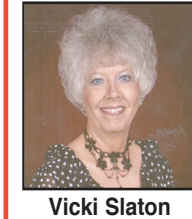




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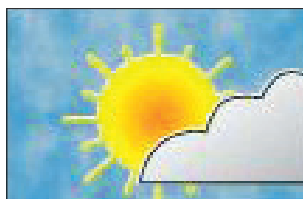



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**Jovi Paniagua, left, and Manuel Hinojos grill food during the first night of the St. Thomas Church Festival Friday. The festival continues through Saturday at the church, located at 605 N. Main St.**

## Stimulus funds I-20 renovation

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

A third major road renovation project has begun in Howard County this summer, as work crews are busy repairing a stretch of Interstate 20 west of Big Spring.

The \$5 million project will cover a 10-mile portion of I-20 from Frazier Road — just outside the Big Spring

city limits — west to the Martin County line, said Roy Dill, chief area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Eighty percent of the funds for the work are coming from federal stimulus funds, Dill noted. Price Construction, which is overseeing

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## County to ink pact with forensic group as 'back up' plan

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

With Texas Tech's University Medical Center getting out of the autopsy business the end of July, Howard County Commissioners will be considering a contract with South Plains Forensic Pathology to help fill the void.

County Judge Mark Barr said UMC will stop providing autopsy services Aug. 1, ending a long-running relationship between the school and Howard County.

"We've known about this for some time now, so we're just trying to make plans to fill the gaps in the meantime," said Barr. "There's a new lab opening up in Odessa, and that's the one we're planning to use for the majority of our autopsies. However, they don't expect to be up and running until sometime in September or October, so we're signing this contract with South Plains Forensic Pathology to hold us over

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## Education-minded Aggies prepare for scholarship auction

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County's Aggies want you — to help raise scholarship money.

The local A&M Club will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Auction July 18 and, as usual, the event will feature a wide array of sports and music memorabilia for sale. But that's only the beginning this year, organizers said.

For starters, the event will hold a skeet shoot in conjunction with the auction. The 75-target shoot will be held at

3 p.m. the day of the auction at 7500 E. Moss Lake Rd. and interested persons need to contact Kelly Gaskins at (432) 517-0471.

After the shooting stops, however, attention will shift to the auction, which will begin with a barbecue dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Moss Creek Ranch, 1601 S. Moss Lake Rd. The auction should begin around 7 p.m., said Dianna Newton, event organizer.

While Newton promises the

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**From left, Corey Green, Diana Newton and Tyler Williams show off one of the items that will be auctioned off Saturday when the Howard County A&M Club holds its 10<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship auction at Moss Creek Ranch.**

## SA set to start school supplies program

**By THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring Salvation Army will kick off its annual Back to School Supply program Monday, as the local charity looks to help outfit students set to head back into the classrooms this fall.

Paula Lafler, a social worker with the Salvation Army, said the application process and distribution of the school supplies will be handled similar to past efforts.

"The last few years we've done the applications and distributions at the same time," said Lafler. "The parents come in and fill out the paperwork, and if they are eligible, they can pick up the supplies right then. It makes it easier to keep up with our supply, and it makes it easier on them because they don't have to make a second trip to the office.

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# Money dominates baseball's first half

RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Baseball heads toward the All-Star break with most teams still in contention for a playoff spot and more fans deciding it's just not worth the money to watch the races unfold in person.

The game's top story in 2009 — at least, so far — is the economy. It's not a pretty tale.

For all of Major League Baseball,

average attendance was down 6.4 percent through Thursday, even with many teams offering discounts to battle the recession. An Associated Press-Knowledge Networks poll released this week found 63 percent of fans think the cost of a game is baseball's biggest problem.

The new Yankee Stadium became Exhibit A for baseball in the downturn, with front-row seats in the plush new park going empty at up to \$2,625

each, and only the opener selling out among the first 42 games. Things weren't a lot better across town at the new Citi Field, where tickets topped out at \$495 and the Mets sold out only five of their first 42 home games.

Get past the money, and achievements on the field still had trouble turning attention away from another old scourge — performance-enhancing drugs. Manny Ramirez and Alex Rodriguez became the latest big-name

players implicated.

When the focus finally shifted to the diamond, though, there was lots to see.

Randy Johnson (300 wins) and Mariano Rivera (500 saves) achieved major milestones, while only Joe Torre's Los Angeles Dodgers led a division by more than five games.

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## Giants pitcher Sanchez throws season's first no-hitter Friday

JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — On a night when Jonathan Sanchez was nearly perfect, his father chose the perfect time to show up in San Francisco and cheer him.

The Giants' left-hander threw the majors' first no-hitter of the season Friday night and came within a whisper of a perfect game. The only runner to reach against him in an 8-0 victory over the San Diego Padres came on an error by third baseman Juan Uribe with one out in the eighth.

Sanchez's dad, Sirgfredo, watched nervously from the stands, bouncing and biting his nails, then scurried down to the dugout to be among the first to congratulate the pitcher.

"Right now I'm just going to go home and hang out with my dad," Sanchez said. "I was pumped that he was here watching the game."

Sanchez almost lost his no-hit bid in the ninth, but Gold Glove center fielder Aaron Rowand saved the gem with a leaping grab at the center-field fence to rob pinch-hitter Edgar Gonzalez for the second out. "I was going to go up and over and land on the other side of the fence if I had to, to try to make the catch," Rowand said.

The 26-year-old Sanchez (3-8) returned to the rotation after a nearly three-week demotion to the bullpen — and only got the call because 303-game winner Randy Johnson went on the disabled list this week with a shoulder injury.

With his father and a friend cheering from the stands, Sanchez threw a called third strike past Everth Cabrera to finish his first career complete game. Sanchez walked toward the plate and thrust his arms in the air as catcher Eli Whiteside rushed in for a big hug and the Giants poured out of their dugout.

Also offering their congratulations were Johnson and the last major leaguer to throw a perfect game, and Giants pitching coach Dave Righetti, who tossed a no-hitter for the New York Yankees on July 4, 1983.

Sanchez's father is visiting from Puerto Rico and arrived in San Francisco on Thursday night.

When the pitcher came off the field, the two shared a long embrace before Sanchez jogged back onto the field and tipped his cap to the cheering crowd.

"This is a gift for him," said Sanchez, who struck out a career-high 11. "I feel awesome."



Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City's Macy Schwartz (center) pulls up for a jumper in the Texas Bowl All-Star Basketball Game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Friday. Ackerley's Britni Blagrove (20), who played opposite Schwartz on the West team, defends. Blagrove earned her team's Most Valuable Player Award by scoring a game-high 17 points. Schwartz scored 10 for the East. Also pictured is Mea Abila of Knox City (bottom in blue) and Fort Davis' Wyomi Granado.

## Texas Bowl

### Sands' Blagrove leads West to 48-45 victory

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

For recent Sands High School graduate Britni Blagrove, Friday's Texas Bowl Small School All-Star Basketball Game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum was somewhat of a tuneup for the upcoming junior college season.

Blagrove helped lead the West All-Stars to a 48-45 victory over the East, earning Most Valuable Player honors for her team.

Later Friday night in the boys all-star game, it was the East that prevailed with a 73-63 victory.

Blagrove has signed with Howard College to play basketball in the 2009 season and liked the fact that she played so well on Harold Davis Court for her final game as a high school athlete.

"It's a really good start for my time at Howard by coming out here and play so well on this court," said Blagrove, who scored a game-high 17 points. "It was kind of an initiation. I really enjoyed it. I'm going to miss high school, but I'm ready to move on to the college level. I'm hoping to play at Howard for a couple years and see if I can't move on to a Division I school. I hope this is a good jump start for me."

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## Texas OF Cruz replaces Hunter in All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Nelson Cruz has been picked for the American League All-Star roster, replacing injured Los Angeles Angels center fielder Torii Hunter.

Major League Baseball said Friday that Cruz was chosen because he received the next-highest number of votes for outfielders on the AL player ballot.

Cruz entered Friday batting .262 with 21 homers and 52 RBI for the Rangers. It's the fifth-year player's first All-Star selection, and Cruz is the 27th first-time All-

Star to play next Tuesday in St. Louis.

Hunter has not played since Tuesday because of a strained abductor muscle.

Cruz hit a 2-run homer in the eighth inning of the Rangers' 6-4 win over the Seattle Mariners Friday.

Cruz is considering participating in the Home Run Derby.

Asked if he could match teammate Josh Hamilton's effort last year, he said: "Nobody can do better; nobody in this league."

## Sports in brief

### Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association weekly results

In Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's Playday, two teams tied with a 4-over par, forcing a scorecard playoff. Dee Jenkins, Joann Hillger and Daury Cockrell were the beneficiaries on the tiebreaker, taking first place, with second going to Shirley Long, Benella Stewart and Linda DeWaters.

In Thursday's couples play, Howard and Trish Gabbard teamed with Nick and Linda DeWaters for first place, shooting 6-under.

That was one stroke better than the 5-under par

posted by the team of Sherrill and Betty Lou Farmer and John and Gus Leonardi.

Sherrill Farmer was closest to the pin on Hole 6.

### Howard College hosting three baseball camps

The coaching staff of the 2009 National Champion Howard College baseball team is lending its services to baseball camps for three different age groups beginning July 20 and lasting through July 23 at Jack Barber Field, located on the Howard College campus.

The first is called the Rookie League Camp and is for players ages 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day. Cost is \$100 if it is paid by Tuesday and goes up to \$125 after that date.

The Texas League Camp is for ages 9-12 and is from 10 a.m. to noon each day. Cost is \$125 by Tuesday and \$150 there after.

The Big League Camp is for ages 13-18 and lasts from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$150 by Tuesday and \$175 if paid after that date.

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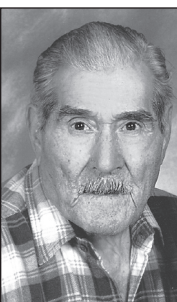
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# Obituaries

## Remigio T. 'Raymond' Gonzales



Remigio T. "Raymond" Gonzales, 81, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 9, 2009, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel, led by Lydia Perez. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Pop was born Oct. 1, 1927, in Crystal City to Antonio Sosa Gonzales and Margarita Trevino Gonzales.

He moved with his family to the Big Spring area in 1940.

Before he found his love for mechanics, he worked as a laborer, farmer and truck driver, traveling across much of the states.

He started his auto mechanic career in the late 1940s by working a few years at Hughes Auto Repair, before starting his relationship with the Eason brothers. He worked more than 30 years with Herschel and Carl Eason at both Eason Brothers Garage and C&L Garage until his retirement.

He married Belen Nunez on Feb. 7, 1953, in Big Spring.

After his retirement, Pop continued to work part-time at the *Big Spring Herald* for seven years before retiring due to health problems.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish (Immaculate Heart of Mary), St. Joseph's Society, Cursillistas, and the G.I. Forum.

He leaves behind to wait for our time to join him, his wife Belen and children and spouses, Juan and Roxi Gonzales from Forks, Wash., Anna and Mark Shaffer from Tucson, Ariz., Maggie Gonzales from Big Spring, Nancy and Severiano Perches from Stanfield, Ore., Carlos and Monica Gonzales from Carlsbad, N.M., and Janie Gonzales and Clint Elliott from Big Spring.

Pop adored his grandchildren. They all knew he loved them very much and his love was returned in abundance by them. He had a special nickname for each one of them that was their own connection. Grandchildren are Erik Munoz from Las Vegas, Nev., Kristopher Munoz from Tucson, Ariz., Severiana RhaeAnn Perches from Hermiston, Ore., Jesus and Lyric Perches from Bureson, Ricardo Perches from Hermiston, Ore., Macee Gonzales and Caleb Gonzales from Big Spring and Linda Griego, Amber Gonzales and C.J. Gonzales from Carlsbad, N.M. Great-grandchildren are Bryn Perches and Jayden Perches from Bureson.

His other "special" grandchildren include: Adriana Rodriguez, Lizzy and Andrew Garcia, Trey and Isabella Marquez, Joanna Alvarez and Hannah Peckenpaugh — all of Big Spring, and Anna M. Morales of Tucson, Ariz.

He also is survived by his sisters, Dore Perches and Paula Martinez from Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Pantaleon, Venzerlado and Guadalupe; and sister, Juanita Deanda.

Pallbearers will be Lee Canales, Tommy Hilario, Jacob Garcia, Manuel Marquez Jr., Rick Lopez and Johnny Flores.

Pop enjoyed meeting people, and he never met a stranger. He leaves his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews a loving legacy.

"May the work that I have done, speak for me" Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Margarita Juarez Rosas



Margarita Juarez Rosas, 63, of Big Spring died Friday, July 10, 2009, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett, pastor of Light House Restoration Center, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 4, 1946, to Beatrice and Saprano Juarez. She was a homemaker, but previously worked at Medical Arts Hospital and Classic Laundry. She was a member of Light House Restoration Center.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Rosas of Big Spring; one son, Almus "Tony" Hill and his wife Linda of Stanton; two daughters, Dianna Leome Hill of Austin and Anna Marie Hoffpauir and her husband Cory of Big Spring; two sisters, Cruz Uribe and Carmen Rameriz; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

## Betty J. Homfeld

Betty J. Homfeld, 79, of Odessa died, Thursday, July 9, 2009, in Odessa. There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 16, 2009 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa. The Rev. Jimmy Braswell will officiate.

She was born Jan. 14, 1930, in Big Spring to Walter and Beulah Burns. She married Jerry Lee Homfeld on Nov. 3, 1954, in Chicago, Ill.

She was a graduate of Big Spring High School and worked in the legal field as a legal assistant.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, her husband, and her son, Garry Lynn Homfeld.

She is survived by her son, Ryki Homfeld and wife Debbie of Odessa; her daughter, Donna and husband Jimmy Cox of Midland; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Louise Baker and husband Kenneth of San Antonio and Nell Hardin of Portales, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice House of Odessa.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 2000 block of 11<sup>th</sup> and the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Hale.
- FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY was reported in the 600 block of Lancaster.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place, the 2300 block of Wasson and the 900 block of Willia.

# Take Note

• Jury summons for 118<sup>th</sup> District Court at 9 a.m. Monday have been cancelled. Residents receiving summons for that time and date may ignore them, as the trial has been cancelled.

• Area residents are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School events being offered by the Southern Baptist Churches of Big Spring. Listed are the churches, dates, times and ages included:

— Central Baptist Elbow, July 12-16, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through adult.  
Baptist Temple, July 20-24, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages 4 through sixth grade.

Hillcrest Baptist, July 26-30, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., ages kindergarten through sixth grade.

• Road to Recovery, a free service for those in the Big Spring area taking cancer treatments at Allison Cancer in Midland, is still in operation. The coordinator and phone number to call have changed. To get a ride to cancer treatment in Midland, please call Amy Carnes at (432) 334-6121, which is the American Cancer Society office in Odessa. If Amy is out of the office, you may leave your information with Melissa. An alternate number to call is 1-800-ACS-2345, which is the regional patient services offices; they will relay your information to Amy for the local drivers.

• The Big Spring High School class of 1979 is seeking classmates to attend our 30-year reunion Sept. 18-19. Please contact Debbye Salazar ValVerde at [debbyev@bigspringchamber.com](mailto:debbyev@bigspringchamber.com) or Cheryl Carter Joy at [joycheryl79@hotmail.com](mailto:joycheryl79@hotmail.com) with any contact information, be it an e-mail address or physical address.

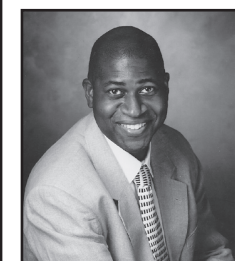
# Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-24-30-31-35. Number matching five of five: None.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-6-4-2. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-3-2. Sum It Up: 11.

It is my pleasure to announce that on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM there will be a sacred concert at New Creation First Church of God. Edward (Eddie) Cumberbatch, a celebrated and award-winning Tenor soloist from the Caribbean Island of Trinidad, will be appearing here for one night only.



Mr. Cumberbatch (see picture to left) attended Anderson (In) University where he studied voice privately, and also participated in the school's Male Chorus and University Chorale. He has traveled extensively in concert work throughout the Caribbean area, England, South Africa, Hong Kong, and the United States. While in South Africa, he was awarded first place in an international vocal competition. Currently he is a faculty member of the University of Trinidad and Tobago, and is active professionally in solo and ensemble engagements.

Traveling with Mr. Cumberbatch will be Rev. Paul and Rita Jo Yerdens of Phoenix AR. The Yerdens are internationally known keyboard artists, and will provide accompaniment for the concert, as well as pre-concert organ and piano selections.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and be a part of this celebration of singing and praise. I am sure you would enjoy this rich voice and the music that accompanies this gifted singer.

Rev. Tony Leonard, host Pastor, would like to welcome all to attend this free concert. A free-will love offering will be received.

Pastor Tony M. Leonard

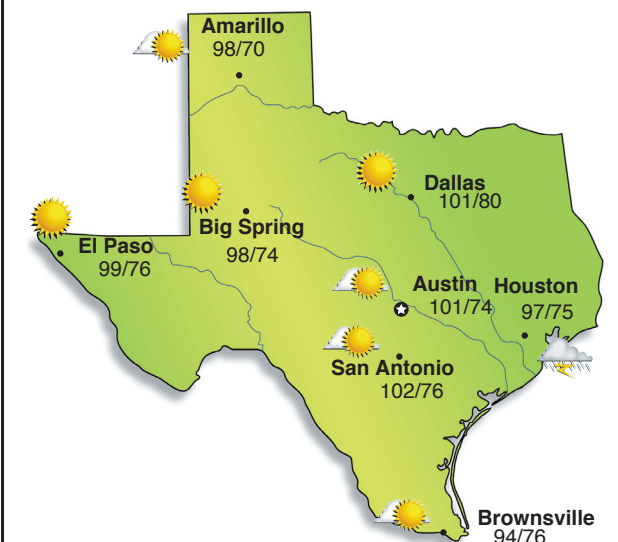
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Austin	101	74	mst sunny	Longview	98	77	mst sunny
Beaumont	94	75	t-storm	Lubbock	99	71	mst sunny
Brownsville	94	76	mst sunny	Lufkin	98	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	100	75	sunny	Midland	99	75	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	78	mst sunny	Raymondville	99	76	mst sunny
Corsicana	99	77	mst sunny	Rosenberg	97	75	mst sunny
Dallas	101	80	sunny	San Antonio	102	76	mst sunny
Del Rio	102	79	pt sunny	San Marcos	101	75	mst sunny
El Paso	99	76	sunny	Sulphur Springs	99	78	sunny
Fort Stockton	97	73	sunny	Sweetwater	99	75	sunny
Gainesville	101	78	sunny	Tyler	99	76	mst sunny
Greenville	99	77	sunny	Weatherford	101	77	sunny
Houston	97	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	104	75	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	81	61	t-storm
Boston	80	59	rain	New York	83	62	pt sunny
Chicago	83	63	pt sunny	Phoenix	109	84	sunny
Dallas	101	80	sunny	San Francisco	73	54	pt sunny
Denver	87	62	t-storm	Seattle	71	57	rain
Houston	97	75	t-storm	St. Louis	85	71	t-storm
Los Angeles	82	63	sunny	Washington, DC	88	68	mst sunny
Miami	89	79	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



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# Bulletin Board

### SUNDAY

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

### MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

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Joe and Cindy Fowler of Coahoma, along with Arnold Young of Sparks, Nev., and Tim and Paula Cooper of Spearman announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Megan Michelle Young and John Collin Cooper, both of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ted and Bell Fowler of Coahoma, the late Ivan and Viola Sisemore Stephenson of Plainview, and the late Felix and Hazel Young of Plainview.

The groom is the grandson of the Helen and the late Alton Jackson of Levelland and Don and Shirley Cooper of Perryton.

Megan graduated from Texas Tech University in 2008 with a bachelor of science degree in Exercise/Sport Fitness. She is employed at UMC in cardiac rehab.

John graduated from Texas Tech University in 2008 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture and applied economics. He is employed as an assistant manager with Discount Tire in Lubbock.

The couple will be married Aug. 14, 2009, at the Merket Alumni Center on the Texas Tech University Campus in Lubbock.



John Collin Cooper and Megan Michelle Young

## Successful trip and fundraisers

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council, along with 22 volunteers and hospital employees, traveled to Wichita Falls in April for the Annual State Volunteer Training Conference.

The volunteers returned refreshed, encouraged and educated after sharing ideas of operating a successful volunteer office with volunteers at the state's sister facilities. It is always a much-needed and highly anticipated trip in the midst of a

busy spring.

The "Cars, Stars and Handlebars" Committee ambitiously planned to "Paint the Town Red" during their annual fundraiser by decorating the tables with paint cans, brushes and other assorted painting tools. Residents of the Big Country came through and purchased enough tickets to generate an excess of \$25,000 for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital.

Co-chairs Stacy Barr and Robin Hallman, along with numerous committee members, spearheaded the sale of 668 tickets and an exciting auction to end the evening along with plenty of good food and entertainment by the

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BILLIE CHRISTIE

## Wedding

### Amanda Jean Healey and Eric Stephen Canada

Married April 11, 2009

Amanda Jean Healey and Eric Stephen Canada exchanged wedding vows at 5 p.m. April 11, 2009, at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo with Pastor Ron Miller officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Richard Healey and Karla Durgin, both of San Angelo. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mel Leibold of Dubuque, Iowa.

The groom is the son of Karla Canada and Selan Canada, both of Stanton. He is the grandson of Kay Simpson and the late Nolan Simpson of Stanton and Irma Canada and the late Selan Canada Sr. of Clyde.

Given in marriage by her father, Richard Healey, and brother, Andrew Healey, the bride wore a white satin, strapless, fitted side drape gown, a beaded lace bodice and a sweep train. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies and red roses.

Among those attending the bride were: Teresa Ramirez of Austin, maid of honor; Skyla Tisdale of San Angelo, matron of honor; Jennifer Muselwhite of Austin; Misty Dye of San Antonio; Chrissie Jones of San Angelo; and Erin Rauch of San Angelo, flower girl.

Groom's attendants included his twin brother,

Kirk Canada of Lubbock, who served as best man; his cousin, Garrett Luna of Canyon; Matthew Ireton of Lubbock; Alex Shafer of Alva, Okla.; Cole Mitchell of Odessa; and a cousin, Andy Simpson of Stanton, who served as ring bearer.

The bridesmaids wore apple-red satin, short dresses with a classic boat neckline. The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and shirt. Groomsmen wore black tuxedos with black vests and white shirts.

A meal and dance followed in the Cactus Hotel ballroom.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon cruise to the Cayman Islands and reside in Arlington, Va.

Amanda is a 2005 graduate of Lake View High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Angelo State University in 2008.

Eric is a 2005 graduate of Stanton High School. He received his bachelor's degree in business management from Angelo State University in 2009.



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- July 20** – Games, 1-4 p.m.
- July 21** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Supper Club "Brenda's BBQ", 5:30 p.m.
- July 22** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 P.M. "Vivian Gordon - Healthy Bones". Movie, 1:00 p.m. "W"
- July 23** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy Cafe - Coffee Club, 10 a.m. \$3.50 Thursday's "Turkey Divian" Yellow Rose Cafe
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**I-20**

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repavement projects in Big Spring, is the main contractor for the project.

The work will entail a "full-depth" repair of the stretch of highway, Dill said. Essentially, crews will work to make sure the pavement has a uniform 12 inches in depth. Workers will accomplish that by adding "hot mix" material over existing pavement.

Work began on the project last week and is expected to last to around Christmas, he added. Crews are currently in the area of I-20 and FM 818 and are expected to hopscotch from site to site during the next few months.

Traffic will be constricted at the work sites but disruptions are expected to be far less severe than seen with other projects, Dill said.

"We've done projects like this in the past ... but it will be a little different to the kind of work we normally do," he said.

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**COUNTY**

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until then."

Barr said the contract doesn't require the county to pay anything unless services are rendered.

"This contract doesn't require money up front, and the contract is non-exclusive, so we can use whoever we want," said Barr. "It just opens the door for us to use them if we get into a bind. It's basically just a back-up plan."

Texas Tech Health Sciences Center officials announced the school's intentions to end its contract to manage the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office almost a year ago, following a slew of complaints filed against the examiners office for allegedly performing illegal autopsies.

A complaint filed with the Texas Medical Board last year by Austin-based document researcher David Fisher alleges the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office

has committed fraud on an epic scale over the past 15 years, along with allegations of conspiracy between Texas Tech University and the Lubbock Hospital District.

Also during Monday morning's meeting, commissioners are expected to meet with officials from the Lubbock-based Alternative Dispute Resolution Services to discuss an inter-local agreement that could give local judges another tool in the fight against truancy.

"Lubbock has a grant to fund this mediation service for kids with truancy problems," said Barr. "So when the kids go in to see the justice of the peace or school officials, it allows them to order the students and their families take part in this program, which is set up to counsel them and find out why they are having truancy problems."

"There are a lot of different reasons a child might not want to go to school. They can be scared of what's going on in the school, and some-

times it's problems at home. This gives the JPs the chance to do something other than just fine the parents and require they get counseling."

Monday's meeting is to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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**AUCTION**

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evening will be fun, it has a serious purpose.

"The purpose of the auction is provide scholarship money for Howard County students attending Texas A&M University in College Station," she said. "Right now, we have nine students receiving scholarships from the Howard County A&M Club."

Among the more

unique items up for auction this year is a trip for two to the 2010 U.S. Open Golf tournament at Pebble Beach, Calif. The package includes airfare and hotel accommodations, Newton said. Other vacation packages include trips to Cabo San Lucas and Cancun, Mexico, Pagosa Springs, Colo., and St. Petersburg, Fla.

A mainstay of the auction is its sports memorabilia and this year's offerings are heavily accented with Dallas Cowboys items, Newton

said. Autographed jerseys signed by Emmitt Smith, Tony Dorsett and Randy White will be auctioned, as well as an item autographed by every starting quarterback in Cowboys' history.

Also for auction will be a wide selection of music memorabilia — including tickets to a George Strait concert in Houston — and locally crafted metal items, such as hat racks and lamps, Newton said.

The big auction item of the night, however,

will be naming rights to a scholarship. The minimum bid on the scholarship will be \$5,000, Newton noted.

The general public — regardless of college affiliation — is welcome, she said.

"The reason we're doing this is because, first of all, there's a need. These kids need monetary and emotional support from their home county. That's the biggest thing," Newton said. "And, secondly, it's just a lot of fun."

To donate to the scholarship fund, or for more information on the auction, contact Newton at 263-4204.

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**SUPPLIES**

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"This year we were able to find a company that would provide basically everything the kids need — paper, pencils, you name it — along with a backpack, all for one price. We've ordered them and they should be here in time for the first day of applications. It's really helped to simplify the process for us."

Applications for supplies will be taken from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 17, according to Lafler.

"We need people who are coming in to apply to bring a birth certificate or Medicaid card for each child," said Lafler. "We also need to know what school the child is going to and what grade they will be in. Also bring proof of income and expenses, and a picture ID for the person applying for the program. We'll let you know right then and there whether you qualify for the program, and if you do, you'll be able to take the supplies home right then."

The program has been such a success over the years because of community support, and there are two ways for area residents to help, said Lafler.

"If they would rather make a monetary donation instead of going out and buying the supplies, it actually saves a little bit of money," said Lafler. "The Salvation Army is tax exempt, so we don't have to pay the taxes on them. But if they prefer to purchase the supplies and bring them to us, it's fine as well. If

they make a monetary donation, they also need to earmark it for the back-to-school supplies."

Lafler said the annual effort makes a big difference in the lives of children that might not otherwise have school supplies to start the year.

"It's hard enough to get back into the books," said Lafler. "When you don't have the things you need — notebooks, paper, pencils — it just makes it that much harder."

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Tennie Hays, 103, died Thursday. Funeral Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial was at Coahoma Cemetery.

Remigio "Raymond" Gonzales, 81, died Thursday. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Margarita Juarez Rosas, 63, died Friday. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Yes the Bible teaches, we are to have teachers, but we are to judge what they teach us by the Word of God. Since Jesus is the Word and He never changes (Heb.13:8) then the Word of God will not be constantly changing according to some man, prophet, teacher or some church leader. Let's get real, God is the only one we can depend on to stay stable and sure. He said "I am the Lord and I change not" (Mal.3:6). So if some human tells you the Word of God changes with the latest revelation from the



JANNIE LINNEY

## NUGGETS

leader, run!

Paul wrote by the Holy Spirit, "Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (Gla.1:8).

People who add another book to the Bible or take out parts of the Bible are bringing a different gospel. They will be cursed and bring a curse on all who follow them.

Scriptures to read that say do not add or take away (Gal.3:18, Deut.4:2, Rev. 22:18-19).

Remember, God would not give you a book of instructions and then create you so dumb you couldn't understand it. The one thing an unbeliever has to understand is, you must be born again to enter the kingdom. When you are born of the spirit, the Holy Spirit will help you understand the Bible if you study. 1 Cor. 2:14, reads "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor

can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. It further states, "Once you are born again, you are no longer natural. You are a new creature." (2 Cor. 5:17)

Before I came to know the Lord, I would read places in the Bible, lay it down and go off saying "That's just like Greek to me. I just don't understand it." And I had been to church all my life. Not until I received the Spirit of God in my heart, did the Bible began to open up to me. I still learn more each time I study the word. The Bible is ever new. It's ever true.

One who really has a true heart toward God will not take one Scripture and build a doctrine around it. Each verse will be studied in the light of the whole canon of scripture and in the light of the personality of God.

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). Our eternity, our forever depends on what we believe and accept for our life.

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Guy Will Zant band on the patio of the Big Spring Country Club. Dr. and Mrs. Keith Ledford were the winners of the brand-new vehicle and television set in the reverse drawing.

Tommy and Jobeth Corwin were presented with the prestigious Jack Y. Smith Award during the annual Volunteer Services Council luncheon. The Corwins were selected for the award for the many hours they contribute to the Chalet Resale Shop. Special recognition was given to long-time volunteer Murlene Williams for being selected as a member of the statewide Volunteer Hall of Fame honor for contributing more than

27,500 volunteer hours in 36 years. Neva Green was recognized as the Rookie of the Year by the State's Volunteer Services Council.

Dorothy Sheppard started a tradition last year by introducing and organizing a Mother's Day Tea for our female patients. Its success paved the way for this year's celebration that was scheduled for May 6 but was cancelled when the state recommended avoiding large gatherings because of the H1N1 virus. Our volunteers still delivered the event by bringing carnations and a card to all female patients on May 8, much to the delight of our female patients.

Our June Volunteer of the Month was Robin Hallman. Robin is one of our indispensable volunteers who serves

as chairman of the Volunteer Services Council Board and performs additional behind-the-scenes work to ensure the board's smooth operations. We have watched the Volunteer Services Council succeed under Robin's leadership.

Summer Fun Day was held June 11 at the Activities Therapy Department, and per usual the sun delivered. The selection of shades, flip-flops, caps, tote bags, along with a generous snack of ice cream floats and a hot dog luncheon rounded out a very fun day. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped pull off the event and to the ATD staff for putting in long hours to ensure its success.

The Chalet Resale Shop, 115 E. Second St., remains open despite the construction sur-

rounding the downtown shop. So, keep your donations coming along with your shopping dollars.

The Nursing Scholarship Committee met July 8 at 10 a.m. at the Community Relations Office and will meet again July 29 to award nursing scholarships. Nursing scholarship applications may be picked up at the Community Relations office. Applications are due at the Community Relations Office by July 24. You may call 268-7536 for more information.

*Billie Christie is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.*

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## OUR VIEW

# Salvation Army's school supplies effort needs help

With the start of the new school year a little more than a month away, it is time for all of us to be remembering that one of the most important things we can give children is an education.

And with that in mind, it's time for all of us to be thinking about making sure our children have everything they need when school bells begin ringing in August. That's right, all of us — not just parents with school-age children.

The reason that all of us need to remember, to paraphrase the advertising campaign, just how important a child's mind is, there will be too many families in Big Spring who simply cannot afford what many of us take for granted — providing their children with the necessities such as paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, rulers and the like.

That's where the Salvation Army steps in. Every year, the organization hands out school supplies to several hundred Big Spring children from kindergarten through the eighth grade and this year Capt. Ed and Terrie expect they'll need to provide supplies for even more.

And that means the call is now going out for donations for the program. While donors can purchase school supplies and bring them to the Salvation Army offices for distribution, it should be noted that monetary donations are preferred. The Salvation Army is a tax-exempt organization and therefore can purchase more supplies with the same money than individuals.

The registration period for parents or guardians of students in need of school supplies begins Monday and continues through Friday, so prospective applicants should begin preparing to have the information they will need when registering for the program.

Information applicants will need to bring with them when they register include a birth certificate or Medicaid card and Social Security card for each child, as well as proof of residency, income, expenses and a photo ID for the person applying for the program.

Those that qualify, according to Paula Lafler, a social worker with the Salvation Army, will be able to take pick up their children's supplies and take them home the same day as they make application.

If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity and to get prepared by putting together the information they'll need to apply. Without those supplies, children will be at an immediate disadvantage.

And please remember, if you can help out by donating money for the effort, please do so.

As we have noted before, donations to the Salvation Army school supplies program are an investment. They are an investment in education, an investment in a child's future and an investment in our community's future.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, problems will pass.

Amen

# Just what was she thinking?

Sarah Palin has decided she doesn't want to be governor of Alaska, and a little more than a week ago announced she'll be stepping down on July 26. Well, now, that's not something you see every day.

Absolutely dumb-founding some would say. While some say Palin's decision doesn't make any sense, and others find it inexcusable.

Especially when you consider her explanation for the decision.

Having decided not to seek a second term, Palin said she doesn't want to be a lame duck until December 2010.

What? Now wait a minute. You have to run that by me again, she doesn't want to be a lame duck for the next 18 months or so?

Yup, that's what she said. That's absolutely mind blowing, and perhaps the Associated Press said it best in an editorial it offered Alaska newspapers observing, "That explanation is more lame than the duck."

Last time I checked, a politician that doesn't want to be a lame duck runs for re-election, unless, of course, term limits make that avenue impossible — not applicable in this case.

Palin seemed to say her decision not to seek a second term automatically left her irrelevant. Really, something tells me any former president, including George W. Bush, would have argued that the rest of her term's quality was up to her.

Which tends to make you wonder if, to paraphrase the bard, something's rotten in Alaska.

At least that's kind of the take

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and I have.

Seliger was in Big Spring Tuesday and spent quite a while discussing a number of political issues with me, most having to do with what had been accomplished during the Texas Legislature's regular session.

But his first topic of discussion during our visit had nothing to do with the Lone Star State.

"Well, what's your take on Sarah Palin?" was the first thing on his mind.

I told him I really didn't understand, unless there's really something coming she doesn't want to face. Kel agreed with me. He's convinced we'll be hearing more in the near future from Alaska.

Of course, some say Palin isn't seeking a second term as governor to clear the decks for a presidential run in 2012.

Now, I have a question for anyone that still thinks Palin is some kind of political darling that's simply misunderstood, rather than a misguided simpleton.

She was elected to serve four years as Alaska's chief executive, not two, so why on earth would anyone want to vote for her as a presidential candidate?

I realize the cupboard looks a little bare in GOP circles right now, but there's time for Republicans to find someone who's not going to carry around a "quitter" label.

The AP's editorial said it pretty well: "Sarah Palin is a charismatic leader with a devoted national following and ambition to match. So there's no surprise if she sees a future for herself beyond Alaska."

"But we thought she'd finish her work on the home front first. She hasn't made clear why she won't."

Of course, there's at least one

candidate who's eager to get Palin's help down here in the "Lower 48." That's Gov. Rick Perry, who needs all the help he can get facing the coming primary challenge from U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Perry told The AP on Wednesday that Palin is committed to campaigning for his re-election and that he welcomes her support.

He's going to need more help than Palin can supply, methinks, regardless of whether or not her reputation survives this fiasco.

Then again, I was reminded of just how clueless American voters can be in an e-mail from a fellow named Michael Child.

He said, "One has to be amazed at Sarah Palin's political skill; all the media outlets are running her quote that she is 'not a quitter,' days after she, well, quit. Simultaneously, the woman is able to claim she is victimized by the media."

"Many are tempted to dismiss Palin as a woman who has shown that in spite of her political skills, she is not presidential material. Of course, a poll reveals that 7 of 10 Republicans would vote for her for president."

"How did this happen? How did one of the only two viable political parties in the nation come to see as its standard-bearer a woman so devoid of the skills, demeanor and temperament required of a president?"

He added, "Let's not forget how painfully stupid American voters can be. Many people still see Sarah Palin as a potential president..."

Unfortunately, Mr. Child has a point.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

This is an open letter to the people of the Biggest Little Town in Texas. Thank you for making us proud to live in Big Spring.

Last week my wife and I hosted The 7th Army Soldiers Chorus Reunion. While stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, we sang more than 270 concerts a year, traveled more than 50,000 miles a year on a green army bus and would fly almost that many miles by helicopter and transport. Our motto was Freundschaft durch musik — friendship through music.

Our singing tours took us to sing for our troops, dignitaries (which included both Presidents Nixon and Johnson) and into almost every town in Germany. We also toured Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, West Berlin, France and Italy.

As part of our reunion, the chorus likes to perform. This year we were privileged to sing with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra at the Pops in the Park concert. What a wonderful treat it was to also sing with the Big Spring Symphony Chorus.

We ended our reunion by singing for and worshiping with the congregation of the First United Methodist Church. Again, the chorus was overwhelmed by the people — your hospitality and your friendliness.

A big "Thank You" to KBST for the Pops in the Park shirts the chorus wore at the performance.

These former army chorus members came together to share a little time in, of all places, Big Spring — and they were "blown away" — not by our West Texas wind but by our community. These visitors come from big cities; such as San Diego, San Antonio, St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Portland, Dallas, San Francisco and Philadelphia. They, to the last one, loved Big Spring. They were impressed that our town has so much to offer. They loved the people they met, they loved the big sky, but mostly they loved West Texas hospitality.

A special "thank you" to Hangar 25 and Heritage Museum for opening their doors to us on a holiday.

Again, thank you Big Spring for making our hosting of this re-

union such a success.

JIM AND MARY WRIGHT  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a big thank you to all the people who helped with the spaghetti dinner and auction for Sherra and Trey Harrell.

It never surprises me how Big Spring people will step up and help someone else in need.

Many people made donations of money, time and supplies. I would like to recognize some of those who worked to make this a successful fund raiser to help with medical bills. We raised more than \$3,200.

Big thanks go to Moss Elementary employees for helping with the gathering of items, donations and working the dinner. And to everyone who bought a plate of spaghetti and bid on auction items, a great big thank you is offered.

We also thank:

• Pepper Sullivan for designing a sign for the dinner and sending

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TEXAS BOWL

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Blagrave's performance almost wasn't enough for the West to secure the victory. Garden City's Macy Schwartz had a good look at a buzzer-beating 3-pointer that would have sent the game into overtime. However, the shot lipped out after appearing to go halfway through the goal, giving the West a 3-point victory.

Blagrave's point total was equaled by Southland's Lauren Arguello, who also played for the West. Grady's Eva Dyck, who is also bound for Howard College's women's basketball program beginning in the fall, scored five points.

Schwartz scored 10 in the losing effort, including two 3-pointers. Her high school teammate Melissa Hirt

had two points. Jessica Haley led the East with 11 points, garnering her MVP honors for the team.

In the boys game, the East used a suffocating full-court press to stifle the West in the first period. The East led 17-8 after the first period and the West never fully recovered from the slow start, although it did take the lead on five occasions.

However, every time the West pulled out in front, the East responded, forcing timely turnovers for easy buckets.

With the score tied at 57 with 3:42 to play in the game, the East, led by Priddy's Matthew Heers and May's Matt Pruitt, went on a 16-6 run to end the contest. The duo of Heers and Pruitt combined to score 12 of the East's final 16 points.

Heers finished with 19 points. The game-high total was equaled by May's Nathan Howard, who also played for

the East, earning him MVP honors. Pruitt added 14.

It was the West's ability to shoot the three that kept them in the game until the final three minutes. The team sank five treys in the contest.

The were led by Fort Davis' Joe Ramos, who scored a team-high 17 points. Sands' Seth Fry sank two threes on his way to a 12-point performance. Ty Turnipseed of Ropes also hit two treys, finishing with 14 points.

The Texas Bowl weekend wrapped up Saturday in Garden City with an all-star six-man football game, featuring some of the state's top players from both Division I and II. Results from that game will be available in Monday's edition of the Herald.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Texas Bowl All-Stars Girls game. East 6 16 11 12-45, West 13 11 9 15-48.

East (45) Melissa Hirt 1 0-2 2, Mea Abila 2 3-4 7, Jessica Haley 3 4-5 11, Molly Dudensing 2 2-2 6, Lindsey Roberts 3 0-0 7, Macy Schwartz 3 2-4 10, Brianna Wilburn 1 0-0 2.

West (48) Eva Dyck 2 1-3 5, Lauren Arguello 5 7-15 17, Kaleigh Schaub 3 0-0 7, Wyomi Granado 1 0-0 2, Britni Blagrave 7 2-2 17. Totals 18 10-20 48.

Total fouls: East 16, West 17. 3-point field goals: East 3 (Haley, Schwartz 2, Roberts), West 2 (Blagrave, Schaub).

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Boys game. East 17 15 17 20-73, West 8 19 17 19-63.

East (73) Jacob Crouch 1 3-7 5, Jordan Carter 1 0-0 2, Matthew Heers 5 8-14 19, Nathan Howard 5 9-10 19, Tyler Hammond 1 1-2 3, Matt Pruitt 5 4-8 14, Clay Stanford 1 2-4 4, Marty Hall 3 0-0 7. Totals 22 27-45 73.

West (63) Joe Ramos 4 6-7 17, Geoffrey Schuette 0 0-1 0, Jett Rodgers 1 0-0 3, Tell Rutledge 1 0-0 2, Ty Turnipseed 5 2-4 14, Seth Fry 4 2-2 12, Jeffrey Alvarado 3 0-0 6. Totals 18 10-13 63.

Total fouls: East 18, West 29. 3-point field goals: East 2 (Heers, Hall); West 5 (Fry 2, Turnipseed 2, Rodgers).

MONEY

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Baseball officials, of course, have been watching the economy closely. To them, the news isn't all bad.

"I would think we've been very pleased with the reaction of our fans, very pleased with the reactions of our sponsors," MLB chief operating officer Bob DuPuy said. Part of the attendance drop, they note, has been caused by lower seating capacities in both New York stadiums.

Some players had a different take. "I know the cost of building these megastadiums that we have right now, with all kinds of different forms of entertainment — steakhouses within the stadiums, museums within the stadiums," Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. said.

"The fans have a choice — to buy tickets or not buy tickets. With the economy the way it is in general, you're seeing people priced out of certain forms of entertainment."

Even Tiger Woods took notice. "We don't want to have what happened at Yankee Stadium," he said at the AT&T National, which he hosted.

"Tickets are so overpriced that you can't bring the family."

Attendance drops in some places are trickling down to the field. The Chicago White Sox have seen average attendance fall nearly 9 percent this season and might not be able to make a trade that adds significant payroll.

"Well, if I'm being completely honest, money is more of the issue now. We expected a little more support than we've gotten," general manager Kenny Williams said. "I think it's a reflection upon the economy."

MLB also has been dealing with the pending sale of the Chicago Cubs from Tribune Co. to the Ricketts family and loans to the parent company of the Texas Rangers.

Meanwhile, aside from money, drugs are still a big issue.

A-Rod's February admission that he used steroids from 2001-03 and Ramirez's 50-game suspension for use of a banned female fertility drug sparked outrage among commentators, but fans — at least, Yankees and Dodgers fans — seemed to have little trouble forgiving and moving on.

"I think everybody understands that every profession, whether it's baseball, other sports, medicine, lawyers, has some people who unfortunately will try to cut corners," DuPuy said, "but they also recognize all the commissioner has done to rid the game of illegal drugs, and as a result are willing to focus their attention

back on the field."

Only three teams entered the first half's final weekend more than 10 games over .500: the Dodgers in the NL, and the Boston Red Sox and Yankees in the AL. And 23 of the 30 teams entered Friday within eight games of a playoff spot.

"If people are talking about wild card before midseason, it's got to be good for baseball," San Francisco Giants closer Brian Wilson said. "It gets the fans into it. It gives the team something to look forward to, even though maybe you shouldn't be concentrating on certain things like that. It's almost like in a race, if you can keep yourself within the distance of that guy, you're running for something."

Two managers were fired in May for failing to stay close enough: Arizona replaced Bob Melvin with A.J. Hinch, and Colorado jettisoned Clint Hurdle in favor of Jim Tracy. Washington's Manny Acta was under pressure following a 16-46 start that threatened the 1962 New York Mets' modern standard for futility, and his bosses wondered whether they'll be able to sign pitcher Stephen Strasburg, the top pick in last month's amateur draft.

World Series champion Philadelphia, the Chicago Cubs and Mets all stumbled to subpar records

as they dealt with injuries. Asked this week if he had anyone in sports that he could turn to for spiritual counsel, Mets manager Jerry Manuel gave a philosophical answer.

"Shoot, I need Gandhi and King," Manuel said. "They went through some stuff."

Among players, Kansas City cheered the first half of Zack Greinke (10-5, 2.12 ERA) and St. Louis headed into the All-Star break lauding Albert Pujols (major league-leading 31 home runs).

Boston knuckleballer Tim Wakefield (11-3) made his first All-Star team in his 17th big league season at age 42.

"It puts a smile on my face because this kid is such a good soldier," Torre said of Wakefield, a longtime foe when Torre managed the Yankees. "His numbers in the first half have been a little bit of a surprise, but a nice, pleasant one for me."

Missing from the mix has been 43-year-old Tom Glavine, cut by the Atlanta Braves last month, just before the 305-game winner was to make his season debut.

After the All-Star game, the next big mark to focus on will be the July 31 deadline for trades without waivers, followed by the Aug. 17 deadline to sign draft picks. By then, the pennant races should start to define themselves.

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# Let it rain:

## Cloud seeding technology to produce rain

Special to the Herald

Because drought and water shortages are ever-present threats, many Texas Water districts have constructed alternate methods of preserving, and now producing, water. Cloud-seeding is one such solution.

Cloud-seeding introduces foreign particles into an unproductive cloud, enhancing the formation of water droplets. In simpler terms, it is a way to produce rain

by increasing the size of water droplets in a cloud that otherwise aren't heavy enough to fall on their own.

Texas has a rather extensive water modification program.

The Seeding Operations & Atmospheric Research (SOAR) main field office facility is located in Plains. The pride of the SOAR fleet is a high performance cloud physics research aircraft, which has been used efficiently in high-

ly focused research efforts.

The West Texas Weather Modification Association, based in San Angelo, covers 6.4 million acres in West Central Texas. The project is one of two in the state with a dual purpose: Permits are held by the WTWMA for both rain enhancement and hail suppression operations.

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# Energy Watch



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# Tired blood's effect on our stock market

The bull market has been suffering from "tired blood" for seven weeks. A long time ago, there was a tonic called Geritol that made the term "tired blood" a household word. Of course, blood isn't tired; it is the body that holds the blood that acts tired. In the human world, there are lots of medical reasons to explain fatigue. In the stock market, it results from a bull or a bear that has run up or down too rapidly and is in need of a rest to restore its energy.

We believe the market has been resting rather than starting another leg back down to, or lower than, the March 9th lows that the bears are predicting. So far, we feel the rather benign correction/consolidation supports or "rest, not re-test," opinion. The message of the stock market, given by its action, remains the best way to predict future market direction. And the good news is that the economic fundamentals continue to improve and support the market.

Depending on where you look, the economic data last week showed further evidence the recession may be beginning to abate. Personal income for May increased 1.4 percent, the second monthly increase and much better than analyst expectations. May durable goods orders rose 1.8 percent, also much better than consensus estimates.

Also, the University of Michigan Confidence Index for June was 70.8, above estimates. However, U.S. job losses for June equaled 467,000, far more than expected, while the unemployment rate rose to 9.5 percent. But you should remember here that employment is a lagging economic indicator and, as we have stated before, likely will hit 10 plus percent and probably won't start improving for a year or two after the recession ends. This negative is well known by the stock market and should not, on its own, cause further problems.

One enduring fact about market action is that it is always intriguing. Sometimes "good" is good and sometimes "good" can be bad, and it all depends on the state of the market at that time.

Right now, the market is tired and things can quickly disturb it in its fatigued state, but it is really tough to excite. For example, the news that the average American household savings rate hit a 15-year high at 6.9 percent in May brought in some stock selling. This is a classic "bad" good.

What people seem to be doing is rebuilding their personal balance sheets and fundamentally changing their spending habits. Yes, this means that consumers will be spending in a more conservative fashion, which will cause problems for some retailers. However, we prefer more moderate, steady economic growth to the wild spending days that helped lead to the economic crash. Yes, a higher savings rate will slow the next economic expansion but not stop it, and in the long run, should be much healthier.

We believe the market's "tired blood" is not a terminal disease and will be cured by a pause to refresh that may take another month or so. As always, we feel the best time to buy is when most are not interested.

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# BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



HERALD photo/Alex Newsom

Members of the local business community met at Lone Star State Bank, located at 600 FM 700, for "Business After Hours," an event sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Janell Davis (left) of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, Troy Tompkins (center) of the Big Spring City Council and Prudential Insurance and Terri Johansen (right), a Chamber of Commerce board member and owner of Johansen's Nursery, catch up while enjoying the offered refreshments Thursday afternoon.

# It's hot! Help out your plants

How unusual. It's hotter than blazes. That just never happens in July in West Texas! Right!

I know, sarcasm is not appropriate, but it's hard to resist. Most of the people I talk with talk about the heat as though it comes as a big surprise. Snow would be a big surprise — the heat is just normal weather.

But just because it's normal doesn't mean that it's all good. July's sun can have devastating effects on plants that are not



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suiited for it. Selecting the proper plants and siting them to take advantage of their strengths can prevent most of the damaging effects of this month's heat.

Even plants that thrive in full sun can benefit from a few hours shade during the hottest part of the day. Often, just by moving the planting site a few inches one way or another can provide that bit of shelter that can make the difference between survival and spectacular.

Having a detailed knowledge of the microclimate of your garden is important and will aid in knowing just how much and in which direction to move a plant. For those that choose to not invest that much effort to

gardening there is always the old standby of planting extra to compensate for what withers away.

Whatever your approach to gardening, it is time to plant your late summer and fall annuals such as marigolds, zinnia, petunia, portulaca and ageratum.

Tomato transplants can be planted now for fall gardens. Don't forget to harden them off before planting them out to lessen the shock of the change from the greenhouse to your garden. Start them off while still in the pots with a couple of hours of direct morning sun increasing the length they are left out for two or three days until they are ready for planting in their permanent spots.

Remove the seed heads from crape myrtles immediately after the petals fall. This will stimulate new flowers. Prune out any dead, diseased and damaged branches from trees and shrubs.

Remove old rose blooms from bushes by pruning to the second set of five-leaflet leaves. Apply nitrogen fertilizer to roses in late July to give you better flowers in September and October. Water thoroughly after applying fertilizer to avoid damage to the roots, or apply one inch of compost and forget about root damage. It still helps to water it in, though.

Apply iron sulfate to plants that are showing yellow leaves with green veins. Keep iron

sulfate or other iron products off sidewalks and houses.

Recently planted plants have inadequate root systems and drought can damage them. Check them carefully and water when needed. If plants suffered from a freeze last winter, the stress from drought could cause death to a plant.

Water gardens and lawns as needed, giving a thorough soaking rather than frequent light sprinklings.

Sandy soils will need to be watered more often. Be sure to avoid run-off water. Add mulch if needed to flower beds and around shrubs. This helps to reduce water and weeds.

Mulch is available at regional garden centers and at the Big Spring Compost Facility, located at 3201 Perimeter Road.

Many spring-flowering shrubs and fruit trees will be forming flower buds in late July and August.

Drought conditions can reduce both the quality and quantity of spring flowers. Don't allow them to suffer drought stress.

Clean up iris beds and thin out clumps if crowded. They can be transplanted from July through October.

*For more information, call Walter Ward at (432) 935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at [www.howardcountymastergardener.org](http://www.howardcountymastergardener.org)*

# ► Odds & Ends

## W. Va. Lottery player still on a roll, wins 9th prize

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Brenda Bailey is still on a roll. This week, the 60-year-old South Charleston woman claimed her ninth West Virginia Lottery prize, \$7,000 in the Gem 7s instant game. That brings her total winnings since last September to \$159,000 from five instant tickets. Lottery officials say Bailey has claimed a total \$165,800 in prizes from instant and online games since 2000. She's not the only lucky one in the family. Her husband Richard claimed a \$6,000 instant game prize in January and a \$10,000 prize last September.

## Texas deputies say couple having sex in drug car

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The car was a-rockin', and the law went a-knockin'. Bexar (BAYR) County sheriff's deputies drawn by the actions of an amorous couple in a parked car

allegedly found more than l'amour. Deputy Ino Badillo (bah-DEE'yoh) tells the San Antonio Express-News they also found enough equipment and chemicals in the car Thursday night to start a methamphetamine lab. Badillo says deputies checked out the car after neighbors reported it parked in an unusual spot, just northeast of San Antonio. He says 26-year-old Timothy Overly and 25-year-old Candace Prewitt have been charged with public lewdness and manufacture of a controlled substance. Badillo says both were booked into the Bexar County Jail with bonds set at nearly \$31,000 each.

## Obama parks pick enmeshed in oyster flap

President Barack Obama on Friday tapped Jon Jarvis to head the National Park Service, turning to a 30-year-veteran who oversees the national parks across the Western states, and who also has angered a powerful U.S. senator and backers of a Northern California oyster farm. Jarvis is a biologist who told The Associated

Press recently that his priorities as a parks official include climate change, the role of the parks with education and youth, and reaching out to populations who haven't used the parks. He recently locked horns with a powerful Senate Democrat in a controversy over environmental effects of a Northern California oyster farm and potential relicensing of the facility. Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein said in a May letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar that she found the Park Service's negative conclusions on the oyster farm "troubling and unacceptable," in light of a national scientific report stating the Park Service exaggerated concerns about the operation's impact on seals and the environment at Point Reyes National Seashore. The National Research Council in May found the Park Service had misrepresented and overinterpreted some scientific information, overlooking potential benefits as well as exaggerating negative effects of the oyster farm. Jarvis, at the time, apologized for errors in the Park Service assessment and said he was committed to protecting the estuary.

## LETTERS

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it out to everyone in the school district.

- Shanna Biddison for organizing and elegating the meal.
- Greg Biddison for donating hamburger meat and helped us by ordering pasta sauce and pasta from his suppliers.
- The several local restaurants that donated plates, salad dressing, lettuce and tomatoes and cheese.
- Dana Witt, Jennifer Horvatch, Chris Daniels and Charlotte Majors for picking up those donated items. In addition, Majors donated the garlic bread.

Big thanks also got to the Big Spring Herald, KBST and KBYG for advertising the supper.

Many items were donated by members of the Moss faculty. Howard Shivers collected several items from Dwight Perkins and others.

Thanks again for everyone's help and donations.

ROXENA BELEW  
BIG SPRING.

TO THE EDITOR:  
Let the games begin. The recent front page headline in the Big Spring Herald, "No tax hike, it's a swap!" apparently opens a new "tax season" on the already savaged, hapless Howard

County taxpayer. Yes, BSISD, we would all prefer more funding but, unfortunately, those of us in the private business sector cannot look to the state for a "bailout." It also raises the question, where does the State of Texas receive its revenue? That's right, it comes from private sector taxation! Overtaxing Peter to fund Paul's excessive spending habit hasn't made sense in the past and will not make sense now. In the days, weeks and months to come, we are going to be bedazzled by an endless parade of sophisticated wordsmiths sent forth by the local taxing entities attempting to convince us of the inconceivable, that a "tax hike" is not really a tax hike but a paperwork transfer. Be alerted to the use of such code phrases as "tax swap," "revenue neutral," "effective tax rate" and other euphemisms highly trained spin doctors will employ in an attempt to increase tax revenue to already glutinous governmental budgets. The end result when all the verbal dust has settled, you can rest assured, it that you will be paying more tax dollars to our governmental agencies. The use of politically correct phrases for the purpose of secretly raising taxes is just that, and does not address the root of the problem, which is excessive government spending. In closing, if I offended anyone with this piece, please forgive me and discount this as the passing thoughts of a shallow thinker and the mindless

mutterings from an already savaged, hapless small businessman and taxpayer.

CRAIG OLSON  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:  
If you are traveling to Lubbock soon, leave home with just enough gas to get there. Then you can purchase unleaded fuel at Wal-Mart for just \$2.35 per gallon, as we did July 3.

PAULA HENRY  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:  
I had a most distressing experience last Friday night, July 3. My wife and I went to "Pops in the Park" expecting a fun evening. We did not count on the committee and the city trying so hard to disenfranchise the disabled. Parking for those folks was to be only at the bottom of the hill, to the east of the amphitheater. So once they are parked, how do they get to their seats? Most disabled people are suffering from an inability to do stairs. So you put them at the bottom of the facility where they are forced to climb stairs to find a seat. And what about the regular handi-

capped parking at the top of the theater? They are off limits to anyone but vendors, even though they give non-stair access to a large area that can be used with the aid of folding chairs which most of those folks bring with them. But how to get there? That is a good question. It appears to me the committee is more interested in providing the best location to the vendors without concern for those in the community who are mobility challenged. With the municipal auditorium closed due to accessibility complaints, it would be a crime to lose the use of the amphitheater for the July 4 festivities due to similar complaints. Perhaps the committee would like to rethink the disabled issue, and while doing it, plan to provide people to direct traffic at all exits from the park, and do it with folks who stay until the traffic has gone. That did not happen this year either. Until things improve, my monetary donations to "Pops in the Park" will stay in my pocket, as I am not sure they are being used to their full potential.

DAVID DUNCKEL  
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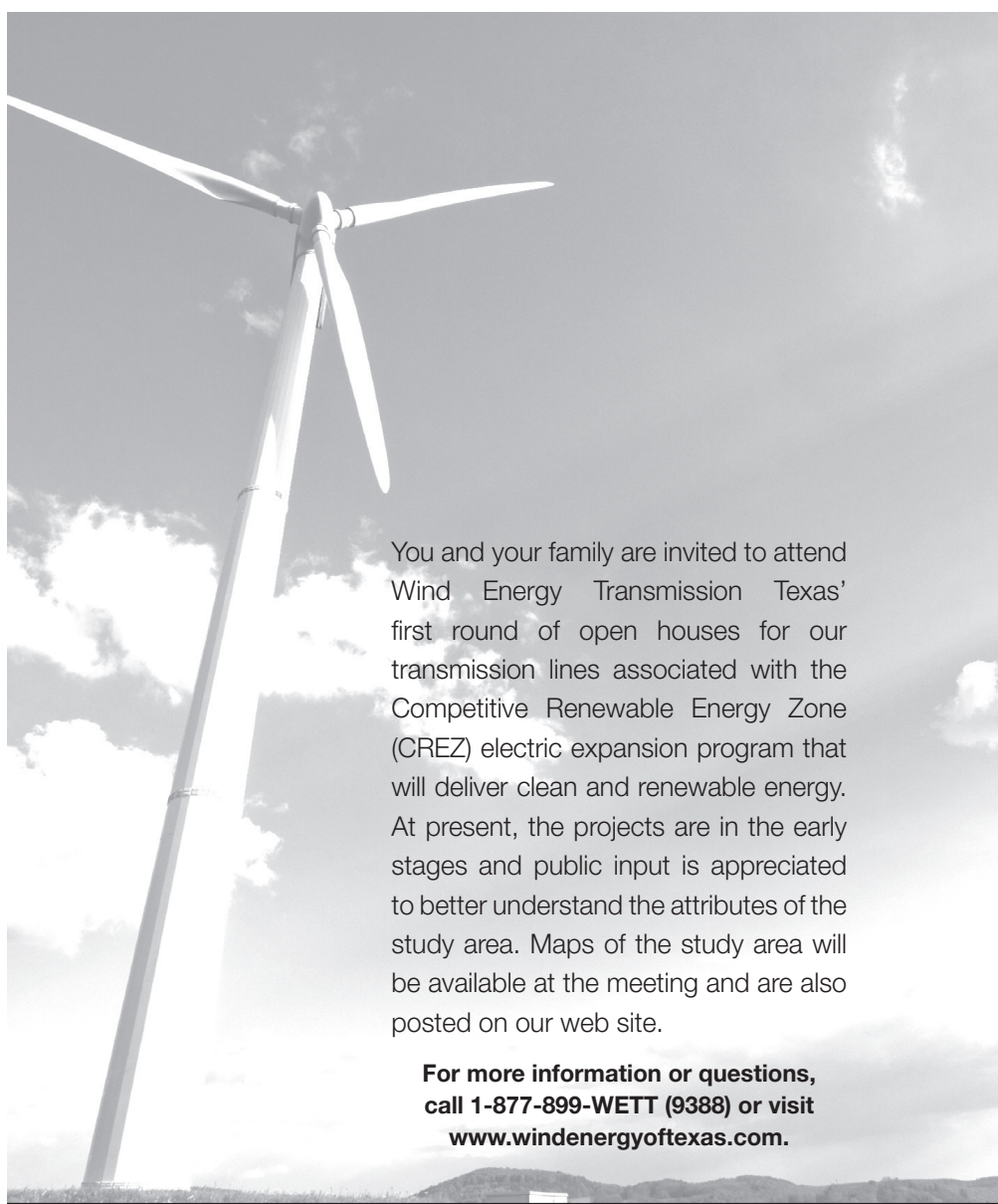
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Plans for the development of new electric transmission lines serving Texas including study area locations.

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At present, a study area has been determined. Future meetings later in the year will present specific route alternatives. If you cannot attend the first meeting, WETT strongly urges your participation in future meetings, by visiting the web site, and providing comments by phone or in writing.

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BIG SPRING - July 15, 2009 - Dora Roberts Community Center 5 to 9 P.M.  
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 Fernando Arriaga Jr., 606 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring  
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 Christopher Barrera, 1704 Goliad, Big Spring  
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 Crystal Biles, 15885 S. Quartz, Odessa  
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 Tina Diane Whitlow, 1407.5 Settles, Big Spring

**County Court Decisions:**  
 Probated Judgment: David Renteria, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: William Elgin Sneed, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

**District Court Filings:**  
 In Re Jose Cantu II, family.  
 In Re Colin Davelle Mikels-Vanover, family  
 In Re Cason Grant Harrison, family.  
 In Re Erika J. Soltero, family.  
 In Re Mia Gail Hensley, family.  
 The State of Texas vs. Jarvis Preston and Beverly Ward, seizure.  
 Rebekah Tamar White vs. Arnold Scott White, divorce.  
 State Farm Mutual Auto Ins. vs. Teri Louise Nall and Leo C. Bouchereau Jr., injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
 Cindy Worthan vs. Rory Worthan, divorce.  
 Gregory Butler vs. Tina Butler, divorce.  
 In Re Jayson Lee Garza, family.  
 Edna Vasquez vs. Luis Eduardo Vasquez, protective order.  
 In Re Carl Devon Dunn, family.

Haddad Urology Clinic vs. V People Energy Services, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Janelle Ortiz vs. Mary Becerra, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
 Capital One Bank vs. Anna Calvert, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Edna Vasquez vs. Luis Eduardo Vasquez, divorce.  
 In Re Jessica Christine Hamby, family.  
 In Re Alexander Jay Hughes, family.  
 Joni Meschell McComb vs. James Lewis McComb, divorce.  
 Tamara Leigh Worden vs. Colby Shea Worden, divorce.  
 Emilia Stolp vs. Jody Stolp, divorce.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
 Barry J. Speaker, 62, and Wanda Evelyn Speaker, 72, both of Big Spring.  
 Travis B. Simmons, 30, and Lauren N. Reinhardt, 28, both of Big Spring.  
 Cody Allen Clayton, 23, and Aston Dion Pace, 23, both of Big Spring.  
 Gabriel Lee Barraza, 23, and Monica Nicole Muniz, 20, both of Big Spring.  
 Craig Dunnam, 49, and Lisa Dee Currie, 49, both of Big Spring.  
 Kenneth Maclin, 52, and Marta Paige Mathews, 36, both of Big Spring.  
 Tommy Wegner, 50, and Tracy D. Crockett, 31, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
 Grantor: Richard Ferrell Gregory et al  
 Grantee: Josephine Griego  
 Property: Lot 9, Block 5, Central Park Addition  
 Date: July 2, 2009

Grantor: Patricia Ellen Taylor et al  
 Grantee: Terra Group LLC  
 Property: Lot 7, Block 1, Central Park Addition  
 Date: July 6, 2009

Grantor: Robert Rochuig  
 Grantee: Gloria Melendez  
 Property: A .707-acre tract out of West portion of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
 Date: July 7, 2009

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**  
 Grantor: Dan Earl Lusk and A. Katherine Vanslyke aka Katharine Lusk  
 Grantee: Jody Reid  
 Property: A 1.347-acre tract out of W/2 of Block 98, Original Town of Big Spring and W/2 of Block 1, Hathcock Addition  
 Date: July 8, 2009

**RAIN**

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tion Association is a non-profit organization consisting of several water districts and a county commissioner's court. The association first formed in 1996 and conducted its first seeding mission the following year. After a decade of existence, the STWMA, based in Pleasanton, continues to perform seeding operations over multiple counties in south-central Texas.

Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association is based out of Carriazo Springs/Pleasanton.

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District Precipitation Enhancement Program is based out of the Panhandle GCD office in White Deer. The program's operational area includes all or portions of the nine counties making up the Panhandle GCD.

Cloud-seeding is a long-term commitment that requires much plan-

ning and constant work. The most obvious advantage of cloud-seeding is increased rainfall compared with unseeded clouds of the same height.

"Cloud-seeding can increase rain levels by 200 percent, cloud area by 43 percent and precipitation time by 39 percent," said George Bomar, state meteorologist. "Weather modification can also reduce the size of hail, another beneficial result." According to some officials, seeded clouds have more longevity and ground area coverage, and the resulting rains are more gentle, widespread and longer-lasting.

For more information on Precipitation Enhancement, visit The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District at 101 N. St Joseph Street in Stanton, call the office at (432) 756-2136 or e-mail permianbasin@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit the PBUWCD Web site at www.pbuwcd.com to find a list of articles on precipitation enhancement.

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# Nominee puts on best face, but who is she?



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**Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor walks on crutches on her way to a recent meeting on Capitol Hill, in Washington. Senate hearings begin Monday on Sotomayor's nomination to become the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice.**

NEW YORK (AP) — For weeks, Sonia Sotomayor has put on her best face, displaying a pleasant disposition that has somewhat fended off critics of her nomination to become the first Hispanic U.S. Supreme Court justice.

A federal judge the past 17 years, 11 of them on the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals, Sotomayor escaped the rough South Bronx streets of her childhood cheerfully immersed in Nancy Drew teenage girl detective books and Perry Mason courtroom drama episodes on TV.

In the seven weeks since President Barack Obama nominated her, Sotomayor has faced a barrage of questions about her past with no public avenues to respond, aside from carefully scripted White House statements about her rise from the housing project where her Puerto Rican parents relocated after World War II, and comments from friends and colleagues.

Critics of her selection, aware she will likely reinforce the liberal wing of the high court, have put a microscope to her past statements, speeches, rulings and the sometimes brusque questions that she's posed to lawyers over the years in an effort to portray her as an activist ideologue.

The search for who she really is escalates this week when she faces critics and supporters alike in the very public forum of Senate Judiciary Committee hearings that will be beamed across the U.S. on television.

So far, Americans have seen a friendly Sotomayor, 54, shaking hands with senators on Capitol Hill and smiling through the pain of a broken ankle that occurred as she boarded a flight from New York to Washington to visit lawmakers who will

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decide her fate.

A generally sunny nature has characterized her spirited approach to overcoming a litany of heartaches that began even before she was 10, when she faced the death of her father and was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.

"I like to laugh," she says, describing herself in an interview when she became a federal appeals court judge in 1998 as "fun-loving, very open and very human."

In lower Manhattan's Greenwich Village neighborhood, where she lives, she celebrates her fondness for food and friends with frequent dinner gatherings and outings to watch dance, ballet, opera and baseball. Her romantic life has been sporadic. Her seven-year marriage to a high school sweetheart ended in divorce.

She credits laughter with easing her childhood in the projects in the late '50s and early '60s, when subsidized housing was less dangerous than decades later but lacked the comforts and quiet of the suburbs. She went to a Catholic high school, Princeton and Yale Law School.

She worked several years as a state prosecutor under Manhattan District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, a man Sotomayor says "I greatly admire" and someone slated to testify at her hearing. She also

worked at a Manhattan law firm before she became a judge in 1992.

By March 1995, she experienced momentary fame, ruling from the bench against baseball owners and salvaging a new season after a devastating strike.

In court, Sotomayor has regularly confronted lawyers, often brisk but not belligerent in her questioning of them after thoroughly researching a case and studying the relevant law and related cases on her own. Unprepared lawyers are no match for her.

Lewis Yelin, a Washington lawyer who practices appellate law, recalled how Sotomayor encouraged lively discussions about the law when he served in 1999 as a student intern in a program she initiated after she became an appeals court judge.

"She encouraged us to give her the case as we saw it. And she might ultimately decide a different way but only after a significant back-and-forth with us, debating the law," he said.

Sotomayor, who has acknowledged that she is "extraordinarily

intense," has had to seek out laughs where she could find them in recent weeks. Since her nomination, she has been alternately praised and pilloried.

Her foes labeled her a racial activist for siding with the city of New Haven, Connecticut, after it tossed out a promotional examination for firemen when minorities performed worse than their white counterparts. The Supreme Court in a 5-to-4 ruling overturned the decision two weeks ago.

She defended her membership in an all-female networking club, saying it did not practice "invidious discrimination," then resigned from it to erase it as a distraction from the analysis of her qualifications and record.

And her critics continue to highlight her speech at the University of California at Berkeley Law School where she said, "Our experiences as women and people of color affect our decisions."

The attacks have left her friends seething at times.

"I quietly gnash my teeth," said Ellen P. Chapnick, a dean at Columbia Law School who created a program in 1998 with Sotomayor to let students work at the federal appeals court. "It really brings out my mama tiger," Chapnick said, quickly adding, "I don't think she needs a mama tiger to defend her."

Friends like Chapnick know Sotomayor is unlikely to stray far from her New York City roots.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Let There Be Light**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
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♦	K 9		
♣	K 8 4		
<b>WEST</b>			
♠	K Q J 9		
♥	7 5 2		
♦	J		
♣	A 9 7 3 2		
<b>EAST</b>			
♠	6 4 2		
♥	Q J		
♦	Q 10 7 6 4 3 2		
♣	5		
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	A 8 5		
♥	K 4 3		
♦	A 8 5		
♣	Q J 10 6		

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ 1♠ 2♥ Pass  
2NT Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — king of spades.

Declarers have many tools at their disposal that can be used to resolve a difficult problem. For example, take this case where South did not like his chances of making three notrump after West led the spade king. In view of West's one-spade overcall, South naturally thought he'd lose at least four spade tricks and a club to West's ace. But something unexpected occurred. After ducking the K-Q of spades, declarer won West's jack with the ace as East surprisingly followed suit. It thus became evident that West had overcalled with only a four-card suit.

South now led the queen of clubs, West taking the ace and cashing the spade nine as dummy discarded a heart. East a diamond and declarer a heart. West then shifted to the diamond jack, taken by dummy's king.

Declarer cashed three clubs, East discarding three diamonds, and next led the king of hearts, on which East produced the queen. By this time, South had eight sure tricks, and the question of whether East had been dealt the singleton queen or doubleton Q-J of hearts became the critical issue.

Declarer had no trouble coming up with the right solution. He cashed the ace of diamonds, and when West showed out, East's hand became an open book. East had so far shown up with seven diamonds, three spades and one club, and therefore had to have just two hearts. Accordingly, South led a heart to the ace and caught East's jack to make the contract.

Many players feel that counting out a defender's hand is beyond their capabilities, but in truth they are selling themselves short. Anyone who can add or subtract whole numbers up to 13 can do the job quite easily.

Thus, as soon as either defender shows out of a suit, you immediately compute how many cards in that suit his partner started with. When you get a count on three suits in a particular player's hand, you can then deduce how many cards he has in the fourth suit by subtracting from 13.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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## On visit to sub-Saharan Africa, Obama seeks to inspire, but not ignore problems

ACCRA, Ghana (AP) — In his first visit to sub-Saharan Africa since taking office, President Barack Obama is seeking to lift up the continent of his ancestors — while keeping its emotions in check.

Greeted by a rush of excitement on his arrival here, the United States' first black president planned a speech to Ghana's Parliament on Saturday outlining his hope for a future Africa prospering in democracy. He was also visiting a hospital and a one-time slave trading post, joined by his wife, Michelle, a great-great granddaughter of slaves.

But his speech was also pitched as a sobering account of Africa's enduring afflictions: hunger, disease, corruption, ethnic strife and strongman rule.

And during his 21-hour sojourn, no big public event was planned — in part for fear it could cause a celebratory stampede, as a 1998 stop by President Bill Clinton almost did.

People lined the streets Saturday morning, many waving at every vehicle of Obama's motorcade as it headed toward a meeting at Osu Castle, the storied coastline presidential state house. One woman emerged from a coffee shop to wave a tiny U.S. flag while others sold posters and T-shirts with Obama's picture. Many billboards lined the roads, including one that showed the president and his wife with the greeting, "Ghana loves you."

## Gov't report: Bush secret surveillance effort extended beyond wiretapping

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not enough relevant officials were aware of the size and depth of an unprecedented surveillance program started under President George W. Bush, let alone signed off on it, a team of federal inspectors general found.

The Bush White House pulled in a great quantity of information far beyond the warrantless wiretapping previously acknowledged, the IGs reported. They questioned the legal basis for the effort but shielded almost all details on grounds they're still too secret to reveal.

The report, mandated by Congress last year and delivered to lawmakers Friday, also says it's unclear how much valuable intelligence the program has yielded.

On the subject of oversight, the report particularly criticizes John Yoo, a deputy assistant attorney general who wrote legal memos defending the policy. His boss, Attorney General John Ashcroft, was not aware until March 2004 of the exact nature of the intelligence operations beyond wiretapping that he had been approving for the previous two and a half years, the report says.

The report, compiled by five inspectors general, refers to "unprecedented collection activities" by U.S. intelligence agencies under an executive order signed by Bush after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

## Hispanic rights groups links to Sotomayor fodder for GOP criticism

NEW YORK (AP) — Cesar Perales has fought his

share of critics over the years, in legal battles for minorities denied jobs, bilingual classes in schools and more Latino police officers. But none of those efforts compares with the tempest his Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund has stirred because of the dozen years that Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor served as one of its board members.

Conservatives have called the group's stances against capital punishment and for abortion rights, as well as its advocacy of affirmative action in worker discrimination cases, "extreme" and "shocking." Some have suggested Sotomayor's longtime association with the group is an indication that she is biased and would be unable to render impartial decisions as a Supreme Court justice.

The critiques leading up to next week's Senate hearings on Sotomayor's confirmation have stunned Perales, who calls them an attempt to derail her nomination by over-politicizing the work of his legal defense fund.

"You have a reputable group that has stood up for the civil rights of Latinos for 37 years," said Perales, the group's president. "To suddenly be accused of being something bad, and that anyone associated with it should not be allowed to serve on the Supreme Court, to me is shocking."

Perales founded the fund, now known as LatinoJustice PRLDEF, in a Manhattan office building in 1972. He modeled it after one of the most high-profile civil rights organizations in the country, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

## Schwarzenegger, lawmakers resume talks over Calif.'s \$26B deficit

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders were scheduled to resume talks aimed at closing California's \$26 billion budget deficit.

Lawmakers from both parties were express-

ing optimism as they restarted negotiations late Friday after talks had stalled earlier in the week. They cautioned that a lot of work remains as they headed back to negotiations on Saturday.

At issue is how to close a \$26.3 billion shortfall for the fiscal year that began July 1. It's not clear how the two sides will bridge the gap, which represents roughly a quarter of the general fund, the state's main account for paying its daily operating expenses.

Revenue is running so far behind spending obligations that sometime in September the state will run short on cash to pay for most of its core functions.

## No legal rights to investigate Taliban deaths — or Bush admin. refusal to do so

WASHINGTON (AP) — Obama administration officials said Friday they had no grounds to investigate the 2001 deaths of Taliban prisoners of war who human rights groups allege were killed by U.S.-backed forces.

The mass deaths were brought up anew Friday in a report by The New York Times on its Web site. It quoted government and human rights officials accusing the Bush administration of failing to investigate the executions of hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of prisoners.

U.S. officials said Friday they did not have legal grounds to investigate the deaths because only foreigners were involved and the alleged killings occurred in a foreign country.

The Times cited U.S. military and CIA ties to Afghan Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, whom human rights groups accuse of ordering the killings. The newspaper said the Defense Department and FBI never fully investigated the incident.

Asked about the report, Marine Corps Col. David Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman, said that since U.S. military forces were not involved in the killings, there is nothing the Defense Department could investigate.



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Generally, there are no entrance requirements or examinations.

### Computer Classes

#### Facebook, Twitter, Blog

July 27-28, 2009

Monday and Tuesday, 6:00PM- 8:30pm

Instructor: Debra Tate

Cost: \$35.00

Description: Learn how to use Facebook, Twitter, and Blog on the Internet.

#### Introduction to Microsoft Word

September 1-10, 2009

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Instructor: James Luna

Cost: \$55.00

Description: Learn the basics of Microsoft Word.

#### Introduction to Computers

August 4-13, 2009

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Instructor: James Luna

Cost: \$55.00

Description: Learn the basics for operating a computer.

#### Advanced Microsoft Word

October 6-15, 2009

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Instructor: James Luna

Cost: \$55.00

Description: Learn more advanced techniques of Microsoft Word.

#### Introduction to Excel Spreadsheet

November 3-12, 2009

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Instructor: James Luna

Cost: \$55.00

Description: Learn the basics for creating Excel electronic spreadsheets for better organization for your work or everyday need.

#### Advanced Excel Spreadsheet

December 1-10, 2009

Tuesday and Thursday 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Instructor: James Luna

Cost: \$55.00

Description: Learn more advanced techniques for creating Excel spreadsheets for your work or everyday need.

#### Are Your Job Skills up-to-date?

August 3,4,6, 2009

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Instructor: Debra Tate

Cost: \$50.00

Description: Look at online job sites, analyze the skills being required & the jobs available, do a self analysis of those identified job skills & create an action plan for updating and/or acquiring those skills.

#### Impress Your Boss with Polished Professional Presentations

October 12, 13, and 15 2009

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Instructor: Debra Tate

Cost: \$45.00

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Prior to enrollment in this program, a background check must be completed through the following website: [howardcollegecx.com](http://howardcollegecx.com). The cost of the background check is \$39.00. Students employment status will also be verified through the DADS' Nurse Aide Registry and the Employee Misconduct Registry. Upon registration, students must bring their social security card, driver's license, and shot records showing they have had at least the first 2 hepatitis B vaccines.

**Day Course** August 17 -September 29, 2009

Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays 8:00am - 12:00pm

Instructor: Jane Gilmore, LVN

Cost: \$350.00

**Night Course** August 24 - October 8., 2009

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Instructor: Linda Porter, RN

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August 11, 2009 - December 15, 2009

Tuesday and Thursdays 6:00pm - 10:00pm

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#### English Second Language

July 13-August 6, 2009

Monday -Thursday 8:00am - 1:00pm

Instructor: Joyce Baumann

Cost: Free

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#### Create a Slideshow for the Holidays

November 16, 17, and 19, 2009

6:00 - 8:30pm

Instructor: Debra Tate

Cost: \$50.00

Description: slideshow, collage, basic photo editing using Google's Picasa

#### Summer Ballet

July 23 - August 13, 2009

Mondays and Thursdays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Instructor: Eulaine McIntosh

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July 11

August 1

Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm

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**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorneys do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Sallie J. Spearman A/K/A Sallie J. Fristoe, Dosha Spearman Beard, Nona Spearman Everett, Cleveland Spearman, John Belton Spearman, Abbie Spearman Shoden, Seth Spearman, Izora Holland A/K/A Izadora Holland, Fannie E. Beard, Sarah Penrod and H.C. Snodgrass Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 10 of August, 2009 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 118th District Court of Glasscock County, at the Courthouse in Garden City, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on June 10, 2009 in this case, numbered 1500 on the docket of the 118th District court, and Styled GLASSCOCK COUNTY- PLAINTIFF VS SALLIE J. SPEARMAN A/K/A SALLIE J. FRISTOE, DOSHA SPEARMAN BEARD, NONA SPEARMAN EVERETT, CLEVELAND SPEARMAN, JOHN BELTON SPEARMAN, ABBIE SPEARMAN HOLDEN, SETH SPEARMAN, IZORA HOLLAND A/K/A IZADORA HOLLAND, FANNIE E. BEARD, SARAH PENROD AND H.C. SNODGRASS DEFENDANTS.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit:  
Ownership of Property Lots, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 24 in Block 24, Original Town of Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Garden City, Texas, on June 29, 2009.

**ATTEST:** Rebecca Batla, District Clerk  
Glasscock County, Texas  
#6186 July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2009

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The conversation rolls while Gemini moon holds court. Don't think too much about what you'll say; just open your mouth and make a connection. It doesn't have to be deep or even particularly interesting to be meaningful and important. We all need acknowledgement. Supportive eye contact and friendly tones just might heal the world.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll make friends easily wherever you go. You'll feel so at home with people that you may give more information about yourself than is necessary. Hold back some. Leave them wanting more.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You step up to the task at hand, knowing that you will have to be extremely confident in order to win the prize. There is no guru who can free you from doubt and fear. You can and will do this for yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You don't always have to make an enormous effort to keep it all together. It's your turn to relax and enjoy being

taken care of — take it. If you don't, you rob others of the good feeling that comes from giving.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Socializing is pleasant, especially when you're among new faces. You seem to know just the thing to say to get the ball rolling. Of course, it helps when you're around those with excellent manners.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Even if you really did mess up, it doesn't help to criticize yourself — not one little bit. Find 10 nice things to say about yourself and march right over to the mirror to say them. One self-approving comment will get the ball rolling.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (JULY 12). Spoil yourself and be guilt free. If it makes you happy, and you can afford it — or nearly afford it — do it. August presents a stellar work opportunity. Your unique blend of talents is a perfect fit for a new position. There will be mystery and intrigue in September. November brings cool additions to your support team. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 15, 39, 22 and 19.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are more likely to change your mind on a big issue than a small one. You could decide to move, change jobs or pursue a new

relationship, but there will be certain immobile details in tact through the shift.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's no need to scare yourself. If you're fearful about an upcoming event, these feelings are not an omen, only a signal that you still need more preparation. Practice what you'll say.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Jumping to conclusions is just the way the human mind works. You may disapprove of some of the things your mind comes up with, but don't disapprove of you. Reject the thought, not the thinker.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll step back and survey the busywork that's going on around you. Is all of it really necessary? One savvy decision makes everything easy. Instead of worrying about doing things right, you'll simply do the right thing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This is the kind of straightforward day you prefer. There is no big mystery to figure out. You give to life what you want it to give to you. Your order is fulfilled and it all works out perfectly.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not like you to be overly sentimental, and yet you will benefit

from adding a touch of mushy drama to the goings-on. People around you need to know that you really care.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be enriched by spending your time wisely, not by moving quickly through time. Resist the urge to rush, even if you are running late. Slow down and watch your productivity increase.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** As the sun slips through Cancer, the caring, comforting energy of the sign is highlighted in all of us. It may seem puzzling to some why such a comfy, cozy, deep and soulful sign would have the symbol of a hard-shelled crab. The Greek mythology sheds some light. As the story goes, Zeus, god of gods, has another one of his famous affairs, the result of which was the strapping young Hercules. Hera, Zeus' wife, wants this love child out of the picture, but Hercules is just too strong. Then one day, Hercules gets into a fight with a water serpent and Hera seizes the opportunity. She sends her faithful little house pet — a crab — to distract Hercules, thinking it would give the water serpent the edge he needs to finish the job. Her poor crustacean pet gets

trampled in the scuffle and Hera tosses it in the night sky — a reward for valiant service. To understand this story's significance, we have to look at it from the crab's point of view. What an honor for a simple crustacean to be asked to fight for a goddess! Ultimately, she was immortalized for her ferocious sensitivity to the wounded feelings of her mistress.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Richard Simmons is a caring Cancer who shares his enthusiasm for healthy living with the world at large. In 30 years as a fitness expert, he has inspired men and women to lose more than 3 million pounds! The asteroid Chiron, associated with healing and nutrition, is aligned with Simmons' compassionate Cancer sun to magnify his powerfully therapeutic gift.

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Dear Margo: Recovering from childhood

Dear Margo: I dislike my mother. I lived with her for five years due to my father changing jobs and my not adjusting well to the high school in the city he moved to. While I lived with her, she would scream at me, throw things and make sure to let everyone know what a nerdy loser I was.



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Now that I'm older, she's trying to suck up to me by giving me piles of clothing and jewelry. Plus, her husband is unemployed, and she works for chump change in a nursing home but still wants to pay for a full dinner after my upcoming wedding because that's the way it's done on TV apparently.

I'm really tired of this. I've told her many times that I don't want her spending money on me because she's 57 and should be saving for retirement.

But she doesn't listen. I also deeply resent her trying to be a mother now that I'm "cool," instead of 20 years ago when I was a lonely adolescent who really needed one.

Do I just swallow my rage? — M.B.

**Dear M.:** These are always sad situations. Your mother, who is apparently limited and perhaps troubled, is trying to make amends in the only way she knows how: with things. I do believe in letting

people say "I'm sorry." This does not mean you have to change the way you feel.

Because it sounds as though there is distance built into your relationship, I would write a letter saying it is unrealistic for her to want to pay for the wedding dinner, but you will take the thought for the deed.

She feels guilty, obviously, so without throwing the past in her face, ignore the gestures and ditch the rage.

I pass on to you something my mother always said: People do the best they can. — Margo, thoughtfully

**Gays, Marriage and Religion**

**Dear Margo:** Over 15 years ago, I identified as a lesbian after becoming attracted to my amazing and wonderful best friend in high school.

Senior year, we finally had a connection and realized the beginning of our love. We are now engaged to be married and couldn't be happier.

Growing up, I was instilled with strong Mormon values, including the taboo on homosexuality. After coming out to my family, I was kicked out of the house at 19. I had a stretch of self-destructive behavior, but my

girlfriend stayed by my side. I've been clean for eight years. Now that we're getting married, I would like to reconnect with my family so that they can be there with me for this important part of my life.

I am unsure how to approach them, as we have not had any contact in years. — EN

**Dear E:** For reasons I do not understand, I have been hearing from a lot of gay Mormons lately.

Your situation is not uncommon, but nonetheless heartbreaking.

For parents, even those who read the Bible literally, to disown a child because of his or

her sexuality strikes me as harsh and almost unnatural.

To me, it is no different than ringing off from a kid who happens to be left-handed. My gut tells me that if your family could not deal with your lesbianism, there is little chance they would wish to see the two of you get married. If you would like to extend the invitation, however, go ahead and test the waters, but don't be surprised if they decline. As for me, I wish you and your ladylove all the best. — Margo, pessimistically

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter.*

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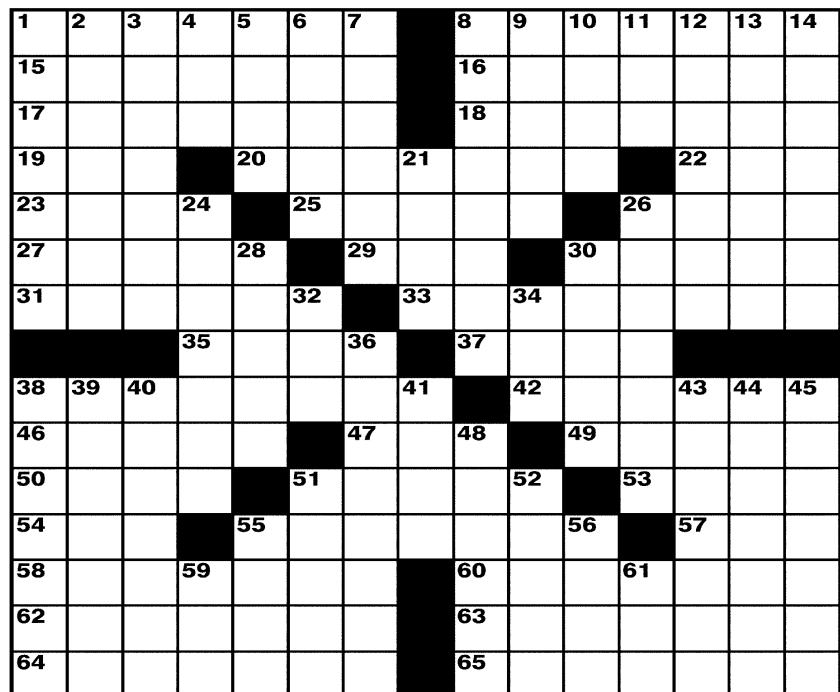
Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Maintain
  - 8 Speechless
  - 15 Land on the Atlantic
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  - 17 Hamlet, for one
  - 18 Agreeableness
  - 19 Coral-reef topper
  - 20 Nosed
  - 22 Pick-up-sticks game
  - 23 Came down
  - 25 Appropriate
  - 26 Homer Simpson's mom
  - 27 :50
  - 29 Project Mercury nickname
  - 30 Chihuahua treat
  - 31 Backyard tools
  - 33 Positions
  - 35 Twelve
  - 37 Predicament
  - 38 Window treatments
  - 42 Ado
  - 46 Exclamation of resignation
  - 47 Word before baby or bonnet
  - 49 Cotton State city
  - 50 Influence
  - 51 Cop prop
  - 53 Noticeable effect
  - 54 Intimate
  - 55 One with a gun
  - 57 Confession starter

- DOWN**
- 1 Calm
  - 2 Was like
  - 3 Compliant
  - 4 Low land
  - 5 Kilowatt-hour fractions
  - 6 City for whom a color was named
  - 7 Pacific wrap
  - 8 Some feet
  - 9 Waterbury Clock, today

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- 10 Let sit
- 11 Broadway's first Sweeney
- 12 Columbus discovery of 1498
- 13 Audit
- 14 Celebrate something
- 21 Big load
- 24 Polish place
- 26 Seater, often
- 28 Put up, as money
- 30 Roadster relatives
- 32 League, for short
- 34 Title character of a literary trilogy
- 36 Places of expansion
- 38 Concert perk
- 39 What Brits call French brandy
- 40 Beatles' "Good Night," e.g.
- 41 Cheek
- 43 Grisham alma mater
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- 45 Report of a sort
- 48 Go over yet again
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# A Balancing Act



## Protecting Your Dog's Immune System

FAMILY FEATURES

Allie stopped eating when she was 16. Her owner, Dr. Elizabeth Cohen says she went crazy trying to find a healthy diet for her beloved pet.

"Her problem is that she has a very sensitive digestive system and would suffer from upsets pretty often," said Cohen, a New York veterinarian and popular radio show host. With a majority of a dog's immune system residing in the gut, it was critical to address Allie's digestive health.

### Understanding Bacteria

Like humans, dogs and cats have short digestive tracts and a complex gastrointestinal (GI) ecosystem. Bacterial cells in their digestive tracts outnumber animal cells. In fact, they account for approximately 95 percent of the cells in the GI tract. As many as 500 different species of bacterial cells may be represented.

Some of these bacteria are beneficial, and some have the potential to be pathogenic. It's the balance between the two types of bacteria that determines whether the digestive system is healthy and functioning optimally. When the bacterial balance is disrupted, the result is often digestive upsets and loose stools.

### What Causes Bacterial Imbalance?

The intestinal microflora can vary from one animal to the next and is influenced by a number of things, including host species, breed, age, diet, environment and geography. But beyond these variables, many factors can work to disrupt the bacterial balance:

- Disease
- Age
- Diet
- Stress
- Antibiotic therapy

### Finding a Balanced Solution

"I prefer to treat her digestive problems naturally; however, it was challenging finding an effective natural solution," said Cohen.

Dr. Cohen is not alone in wanting to find more natural solutions. According to experts, about half of dog- or cat-owning households seek natural product solutions for their pets. A growing trend in pet care is the use of probiotics and prebiotics to support digestive health.

- Probiotics are live, beneficial or good bacteria supplied in some form (treat or supplement) to the animal that provide a health benefit.
- Prebiotics feed (or support) the good bacteria, helping the good bacteria to grow.

"Probiotics provide the digestive system with the healthy, good bacteria," said Cohen. "These bacteria support the immune system and its function, produce important B vitamins and take up space in the intestines. This is important because this space could be taken up by disease-causing bacteria instead of the healthy bacteria."

Allie is 18 now, and even though she has some issues common to older dogs, Dr. Cohen says she's a healthy, happy dog and enjoys the probiotics she's given in supplement form.

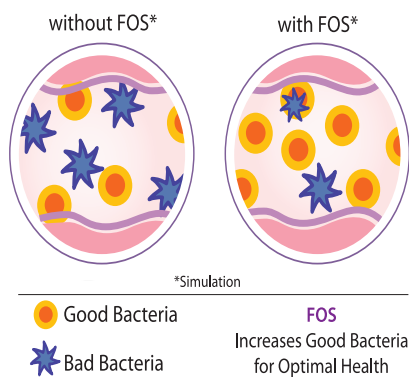
"I am recommending Iams Prostora Max as a veterinarian, as a pet reporter, but most importantly, as a pet owner," says Cohen. "Allie is extremely picky about what she likes to eat and she loves the taste of Prostora. I love it because I'm able to help support her digestive health naturally."

Available through veterinarians, Prostora Max is one of the only probiotics that is derived from the canine gut. It nutritionally manages dog's digestive health, promoting a healthy microflora balance during stressful transitions and a strong, healthy digestive system for overall health and well-being.

For more information, visit [www.iams.com](http://www.iams.com).



Dr. Elizabeth Cohen and her dog Allie



### A Well-Balanced Diet

When it comes to nutrition, pets need a balanced diet including:

- Animal protein to build and maintain strong muscles
- Vitamins and minerals for heart health
- Antioxidants, such as beta-carotene and Vitamin E to promote a strong immune system
- Fiber blend for optimal digestive health
- Omega-3 fatty acids for healthy skin and coat

- Multi-grain carbohydrates such as corn, rice, sorghum and barley for energy and vitality
- Natural calcium for strong teeth and bones

Pet food makers study healthy dogs and cats to find which ingredients work best in providing complete and balanced nutrition. For example, nutritional science found in products such as Eukanuba and Iams deliver animal proteins and antioxidants that are especially important to a dog's health.



### Prebiotics in Pet Food

In examining your pet food ingredient list, you may see this term — Fructooligosaccharides, or FOS. Pronounced, fruk-toe-ol-lie-go-sack-er-ides, FOS is a prebiotic found in a variety of foods, such as bananas, barley, garlic, honey, rye and wheat. It is a fiber that is broken down in the intestine by the good bacteria that live there.

FOS feeds the good bacteria to help crowd out the bad bacteria, helping to create the right balance between good and bad bacteria. Check your pet's food labels to ensure the food you're feeding your pet has "Fructooligosaccharides" listed on the ingredients panel.